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DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SAMADHIS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government have recently taken certain decisions in regard to the development of new samadhis;

(b): if so, the details thereof including the financial implications; and

(c): the circumstances leading to these decisions?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): It has been decided that henceforth the Government shall not develop any samadhi for departed leaders. However, the CPWD shall continue to maintain the Samadhis of the national leaders already developed. A capital expenditure amounting to above Rs.42 crores has been incurred on the construction and development of varios Samadhis in Delhi and in Sriperumbudur.

(c): The available Government land along the bank of river Yamuna where these Samadhis are situated has been shrinking steadily with the development of one Samadhi after another. Any attempt to take away any portion of land once allotted to a particular Samadhi, is likely to evoke strong protests from the family members and followers of the departed leaders. Requests are bound to be made by the family members and followers of departed leaders unless a clear cut policy is evolved in this regard. Raising of such samadhis not only involves allocation of large chunk of available land in Delhi, which has already became scare, but this also requires large amount of funds for the development and maintenance of these Samadhis.